Executive Committee
June 30, 2004

Attendance

Jordan Blatz  President
Lisa McLaughlin  Vice-President Academic
Alex Abboud  Vice-President External
Alvin Law  Vice-President Operations & Finance
Duncan Taylor  Vice-President Student Life
Bill Smith  General Manager
Stephanie Van Orman  A/A, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by BLATZ at 10:10 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda
TAYLOR/LAW MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as follows:
6a. SU Survey (McLAUGHLIN)
6b. In Camera Business (BLATZ)
6c. In Camera Business (SMITH)

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
McLAUGHLIN/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the June 23, 2004 minutes be approved.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

4. Old Business
a. Independent
Discussion ensued regarding the presentation regarding the sponsorship of Students' Union advertising in the campus newspaper ‘The Independent’.

BLATZ: The last idea I heard on the table involved providing them dollar for dollar the amount of advertising they were able to attract themselves. This prevents us from being the only advertiser in the paper.

McLAUGHLIN: I’d like to see them secure other advertisers, and see a couple issues to assess their quality before we commit ourselves.

SMITH: Once we see more issues we’ll be able to see if the Independent will be filling a gap that needs to be filled by a campus newspaper.

This will be discussed at a later executive meeting.
b. Transitions

BLATZ: The International Centre is asking us to help support their program for orientation for our international students on campus. The idea is for the GSA and the Students’ Union to split the costs for the breakfast on one day ($2,500.00).

ABBOUD: Do we know what the GSA is planning to do?

BLATZ: I’ll get in touch with Alexis from the GSA and find out what their plan is.

This will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

5. New Business

a. ASSC Proposal

McLAUGHLIN: The Alberta Services for Students Conference have a planning committee and they’ve asked to have a student representative as a second member. They meet four times a year, often in Red Deer, and members have to commit two years. The conference registration fees are waived if the members are in good standing. Other fees incurred such as travel and accommodations are not reimbursed. I think this has a number of benefits for us; it will help us raise our profile, give us the opportunity to participate in decisions for student services across the province, and will be relevant to us.

ABBOUD: There’s no cost breakdown.

McLAUGHLIN: They will only have to stay overnight for one of the meetings, the rest are just day trips, so they’ll only have to pay for parking. It shouldn’t be very expensive.

TAYLOR: Who’s going to be the student representative?

McLAUGHLIN: Kathleen Conway.

ABBOUD/TAYLOR MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve Kathleen Conway to be the Students’ Union representative at the Alberta Services for Students Conference.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

b. Ombudsman 101 & 101 Plus Seminars

LAW: This is a training program for Gregory Harlow to attend. Traditionally the co-director of the Ombudservice attends a conference during their second year. This has been budgeted for. The cost is $995.00 for Ombudsman 101 Seminar and $300.00 (U.S.) for Ombudsman 101 Plus Seminar.

Concerns raised by the executive were:
- How pertinent is this to a second-year co-director?
- Budget

The Executive Committee invited Gregory Harlow to speak verbally to his conference request.
Harlow: Generally, our office works to advise students as much as it acts as an ombudservice. This conference, I believe, can help us with the ombuds portion of our job. There is also a specific class on how to market an ombudservice, which I think will be very helpful to our role on campus. It should give us the resources to introduce co-directors better to their jobs with a transition manual, which we don’t have right now.

Budgetary concerns were addressed.

LAW/McLAUGHLIN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed $4,300.00 for the OmbudService Director to attend the Ombudsman 101 & 101 Plus Conference July 12 and 14, 2004.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0/1 CARRIED

c. 2006 NODA Region 1 Conference Proposal

TAYLOR: This will have to be approved in Budget Committee as well as Students’ Council before it can stand approved. Norma has a letter from Region 1 assuring that no costs will be incurred by the host (no financial implications and no financial loss). I think this would be really good for showcasing the Students’ Union.

TAYLOR/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee endorse bidding to host the NODA Region 1 Conference Proposal to take place February 2006.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

d. NODAC 2004 Proposal

TAYLOR: This is a budgeted expenditure, and it’s something that is usually attended.

ABBOUD/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed $3,410.00 for the Transitions Programs Manager to attend the National Orientation Directors Association Conference in Chicago.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

6. Discussion Period

BLATZ: I suggest that we deal with discussion item c first.

BLATZ/LAW MOVED THAT the Executive Committee move in camera.

VOTE ON MOTION 5/0/0 CARRIED

c. In Camera Business

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.